

SASY council meeting Sept 13, 2012. Catherine Stephens presiding, John Steines notetaker with great assist of Brad Kuse.

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1. Quorum, attending: John Steines, Brad Kuse, Catherine Stephens, Brad Hinkfuss, Melanie Foxcroft, Sarah Williams, Doug Johnson, Twink Jan-McMahon, Lance Green, Gary Karch, Margo Tiedt. Excused: Betty Chewning, James Montgomery, Randy Roden. Not excused - Lou Host-Jablonski

Also attending: Dan Melton, Dace Zepps, Angelo Castillo, Marsha Rummel, Bill White, Anne Walker

2. August minutes approved - Motion Lance Green, 2nd - Twink Jan-McMahon

3. Additions to agenda: Addition to Bike path, West Nile virus question, Update on Well number 8.

4. Guests

a. Dace Zepps - WP/SASY merger. Dace's request is posted on the SASY meeting page.

Key considerations: No WPNA officers left. Originally at the table during inception of SASY Lost non-profit status. Lost incorporation. Mostly residential and low income apartment complex These people are not represented. Interests are not heard. Economic center is the East Shopping Center. Outreach to residents: Need to engage the residents and ask what they think. Corporate residents responsible for contributing to welfare of the neighborhood instead of just extracting cash? Should be proactively engage flagging businesses. Library preparing to move to Union Corners. Blockbuster already gone. WP doesn't engage the Eastside shopping center until the decision has been implemented. Blooming Grove will not become a part of Madison for the next 18 years.

Process question: Would require a SASY bylaws change and membership vote. Assistance could take several forms short of expansion of SASY & options need to be explored.

Shape of the transition: WP members would join existing SASY committees. Dace starting Friend of Worthington park committee to address WP concerns and issues. Marsha - Mayor has reformed Neighborhoods Resource Teams SASY; best approach would be to help WP build their own capacity instead of just absorbing. Marsha - We don't want to just absorb neighborhood and represent people who do not want representation by SASY. General consensus is that merger between two NA would be positive. Diversity supplying alternate viewpoints. This would be an asset in discussion.

Action: Explore and research over the next 3 months. Report back at next Council meeting.

Outreach is Key. Put together something to gather information from Worthington Park neighborhood residents. Send out mass mailing to the area, flyer/survey. Conduct interviews at Salvation Army? Talk to Jackie about the questions to ask. Engage Parent Empowerment project at Lowell. Ask members of PEP to voice their opinion on the change. If response is positive, request that PEP members solicit WP neighborhood for input as well

John, Gary and Brad in “WP/SASY merger exploratory team” with Dace.

b. (Chocoloterian visit – a no show).

5. Marsha Rummel - City Report

Garver: Selected Firm to study the building. Study the entire building. Olbrich alarmed Waiting to see how it goes. Olbrich Board president asks who is going to step up to pay for the building? Cautiously supportive. Stewardship money from city has been allotted, Marsha not sure how much. Zane photo exhibition in the Municipal Building. Need money to put them there. Olbrich should provide assistance and give money. Celebrate Garver. Enough Cautious Optimism. Could be the same type of story as what happened here at Goodman Comm Center – in terms of restoration. Lowell could use it for field trips. At some point, info on structural info.

Union Corners: 2 plans left: Livesey Stonehouse and Gorman. Part of what comes next is an amalgamated approach. Gorman TIFF request is high. Taking the best of all plans and fusing is an option. Question about whether Radiance Group should consider a proposal for Garver? Without the capacity to put some money down, no reason to come up with an alternate plan. Need a different approach to Garver. Staff report to come - financial assessment. LHSA could fundraise for it.

6. Chris Taylor - not present

Working hard on capitol access.

7. Development and Preservation (Brad Hinkfuss)

Reviving the SASY Neighborhood plan – next steps: We may have difficulty getting people motivated for big undertakings like this. Looks like some major street constructions are being delayed which gives us the time we need to be involved and engaged. Let’s form Ad-hoc committee to address street reconstruction and corridor plan. Involve members from both committees. Street work on Winnebago pushed back to 2015. We have more time to get a plan together. Ad-hoc group to focus on major city reconstruction and development projects led by Brad Hinkfuss. Bill paraphrase: SASY getting in a hand in reconstruction projects is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create space. Need to get buy in from the city. Keep WABA involved.

Team members from each committee with the addition of experts from the community, business association etc. Important to share turf. Research, synthesis, action. Motion by John Steines, second Gary Karch to move forward with plan and come back to table with more details of ad-hoc committee work, a mission statement, and process proposal.

8. SASY Business (Catherine and Margo)

- a. Finances = \$1560 in account.
- b. Fundraiser Fall Neighborhood Dinner: Bunkys offers to donate food to SASY with thanks to the neighborhood and to SASY. Basement of Bunky's. 50-70 people to come and eat. Proposed date Oct 19 Thursday. Sell tickets. Promote. Appetizers. Vegetarian, vegan, dessert, cash bar. Event. Guest Speaker, music. Price of the Tickets not determined. SASY help with dishes. Timeline too short for October. Plan January instead of October.

9. Communication Committee – (John and Sarah)

- a. Should we request dedicated column space for east side news? Managing editor, Margo “We print anything”. Articles are due first week of month prior when we go to press.
- b. Switch – next book discussion Wednesday September 19th.

10. Dan - Water Committee

Well 8 is shut off.

Mission statement presented, approved - motion by John Steines, 2nd - Twink Jan-McMahon

DNR asked to hold off on the sentinal well. Steve Klafka - may want to ask the City to abandon Well 8 in the future. Lance: “Well 8 may die a ‘natural death’”. Electronic meters for water coming in Jan. User friendly software. Software developed in Marquette University. Pilot to be very green low water use. Smart meters. Concerns about wireless technology and health. Are these meters hackable. Meter initiative got blind-sided by issues of risk.

11. Transportation Committee – (Melanie)

Written report received and posted on SASY meeting page. Donna to chair next meeting then team to decide who chairs after that.

12. Garver Committee: Olbrich Rep – tabled.

13. Hudson Park: Update from Matthew Miller (not in attendance), given by John Steines: City with youth trimmed some growth on mounds. Beach Project to begin any day. Ground prepped with local wood chips from Sean Gere. Relationship with city staff remains good.

14. KIPP Update: Gary and Lance

Written report submitted & on file at SASY meeting webpage. Committee work slowed down in the past month, prime vacation time. Testing expanding. Lance talked to Linda Hanefeld and Mike Schmoller of DNR to get the latest. Efforts by Kipp and DNR contractors to determine the nature and extent of pollutants continues. Testing for homes on Dixon and Corry streets is ongoing, showing below-action levels of PCE under the houses and non-detectable levels indoors. Second rounds of testing to verify these results are now being performed, as well as for homes on Marquette St with higher levels, to

determine if they will be offered mitigation systems. The DNR will decide if additional houses will be tested to map the complete boundary of PCE contamination. DNR is holding an informational session 9/18 for eight Marquette St homeowners to explain their outdoor soil test results. Groundwater pollution testing is ongoing using two existing wells on the Kipp site, with two more planned to be installed on their site and three off-site. These results will help inform the Madison Water Utility design their "sentinel well" to be placed on the Elmside St terrace to help determine migration of pollution towards Well 8 at Olbrich. The DNR may hold another Open House to discuss all these results and possible remediation strategies in October.

15. Old Business: None

16. New business

a. Rain garden planted last year at First street and Eastwood in place and trees replaced in 2010 - doing well. Express thanks in letter to Mayor, Sean Gere, Marla Eddy, Parks, Tony Fenandez, Greg Fries, & Mike Daley - bike path rain garden cooperation and success. John S. to draft for Lou to sign.

b. West Nile - Angelo asks what is status as he found dead bluejay and neighbors with other dead birds. Dept Public Health did not need to test as WN is confirmed in Dane County. How drought conditions may affect outbreak - not sure, but would add stress on individuals. Probably no new alerts unless some human risk seen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.